PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVE RAIYATS AND MERCHANTS, HELD AT MYSORE IN OCTOBER 1901.

MEMORANDUM.

The Nineteenth Assembly of Representative Raiyats and Merchants was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office buildings at Mysore on Friday the 25th October 1901 and the four days following.

2. The Assembly consisted in the main of the Members elected in 1900 under the system of triennial elections instituted in 1894, but who, owing to the fact that there was no meeting last year, were returned for the first time this year. Out of a full nominal strength of 278, the total number of members returned was 273, made up as follows:—

Representatives returned by—

67	Taluks including Sub-Taluks	209
25	Municipal Boards, each representing a population of 5,000 and above	40
9	Local Fund Boards	17
8	Associations representing public interests [including the Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association of Mysore and Coorg (Limited), which was allowed to send a representative for this year, as a special case]	7
	Total ..	273

Of these,

4	were Europeans;
13	were Mahomedans; and
256	were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation—

33	were merchants;
4	were sahukars;
146	were landholders; and
90	belonged to other trades and professions.

3. The actual attendance on the opening day was only 81, the falling off being chiefly due to the prevalence of plague in the Mysore City.

4. The Proceedings opened at 12 noon on the date aforementioned. There were present the Dewan, Mr. P. N. Krishnamurti, C.I.E., the Members of the State Council, Messrs. V. P. Madhava Rao, C.I.E., C. Sreenivasiengar and Rao Bahadur C. Madiah, the Heads of the various Departments, and other principal Officers of State. The Hon'ble Mr. J. A. Crawford, I.C.S., Officiating Resident in Mysore, the Hon'ble Sir Arnold White, Chief Justice of Madras, and other European guests of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent, also graced the occasion with their presence.

5. On behalf of the members of the Assembly, Mr. B. Garudachar, B.A., B.L., an Advocate from Shimoga, presented an address of congratulation to the Dewan in English, which is printed in the Appendix, and a Kannada translation thereof was

read by Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit. After receiving the above, the Dewan briefly replied to the following effect:—

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,—I am very thankful to you for the address you have presented me, which contains such high words of welcome and appreciation. It is too early to hold out to you promises in regard to the future administration of the State. I can at present only lay before you facts about the condition of the State at the present time, as compared with what it was during the time of the late Mr. Rangacharlu, twenty years ago. I do not wish to dilate upon the several points contained in your address, but proceed at once to the business of the day."

6. The Dewan then proceeded to read the Address (printed hereinafter), which passed in review the financial condition of the State and touched briefly on the salient features of the administration during the past official year.

7. At the conclusion of the reading of the Dewan's Address, Mr. C. Krishnamurti, an Advocate from Bangalore, made a few remarks in regard to the Address; and Mr. P. Bosworth Smith and Mr. Godfrey presented addresses to the Dewan on behalf, respectively, of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board and the North Planters' Association. (These are also printed in the Appendix.) The Dewan responded briefly, acknowledging the expressions of good-will and touching upon the points mentioned by the Members.

8. The Kannada translation of the Dewan's Address was then read by Mr. H. V. Nanjundayya, Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

9. The discussion of subjects brought forward by the Representatives commenced on Saturday the 26th October 1901 and concluded on the 29th idem. A brief summary of these subjects and of the replies of Government is printed in this volume.

10. At the close of the proceedings in the afternoon of the 29th October, Mr. Srinivasa Josier expressed the thanks of the Assembly to Her Highness the Maharani-Regent and the Dewan in Council for holding the Assembly this year and for the considerate way in which the Members were treated and listened to. Mr. Sreenivasa Murti of Gorur endorsed the previous speaker's sentiments and prayed for long life and prosperity to the Dewan and that the Representative Assembly might long continue to flourish under his care. These speeches were received with general applause.

11. The Assembly then broke up.

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